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FULL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF MISCELLANEOUS REAL ESTATE PROJECTS

House of Representatives,
Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, D. C., Friday, May 16, 1958.

The committee met at 12 noon, Hon. Carl Vinson, chairman, presiding.

The Chairman. Now, Mr. Kelleher. Everybody be quiet for 1 minute. We will get through here.

Wait, I want to say this. Thursday morning, we will have to go to work on the public works bill. It is a $1,600 million proposition. I am hoping to be able to get along, because we have stacks of bills here that we have to act on also. So we must begin to hustle now a little.

Now go ahead. [Laughter.]

Mr. Price. We haven't been doing anything lately.

Mr. Kelleher. Mr. Chairman, I have a long version and a short version. Which would you like?

(Chorus of "short.")

Mr. Kelleher. Right.

The Real Estate and Construction Subcommittee held three hearings. It considered a large number of projects and recommends only the following:

1. Two hundred and seventy-five units of appropriated fund housing in Alaska.

2. Capehart housing for the Army, Navy, and Air Force at a total of 14 installations.

3. The acquisition of 3 Wherry housing projects in Hawaii and 2 in North Carolina.

4. Seven hundred and thirty six units of surplus commodity housing in Spain.

5. Real-estate projects for the Air Force as follows: Clinton, Ohio; Dover, Del.; Offutt, Nebr.; Bergstrom, Tex.

6. For the Army: Nike-Hercules acquisitions for St. Louis; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Kansas City, Mo.

7. Other Army acquisitions and disposals as follows: 292, acquisition for structure in Abilene, Tex., for the Reserve; 300 and 301, the continued leasing or renewal of leases of office space at several locations.

The subcommittee recommends that certain of the leases contained in these two projects not be approved and the details are set out in the longer version of the report.

8. Transfer of 17 acres constituting Fort Heath, Mass., from the Navy to the Army.

9. Transfer of 14 acres at Fort Rosecrans, Calif., to the Coast Guard.

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10. Disposal to GSA of the Rockford Ordnance Plant, Ill.

11. The following two Navy projects are recommended for approval:

Disposal of the Naval Supply Depot in Spokane, Wash., to GSA; acquisition of 230 acres at the Naval Industrial Aircraft Plant, Columbus, Ohio.

That is the report, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it unanimous?

Mr. KELLEHER. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the subcommittee's report is agreed to.

Thank you, gentlemen, very much.

(The detailed version of the subcommittee report is set out below:)

STATEMENT FOR CHAIRMAN RIVERS

Mr. Chairman, your Real Estate and Construction Subcommittee met on April 18 and again on May 14 and 15 and considered a number of housing and real-estate projects. All of those considered are not recommended for approval. The following projects are recommended for approval:

Appropriated fund.—Two hundred and seventy-five units of appropriated fund housing at several areas in Alaska. I would like to say in connection with this particular project that a memorandum which was furnished Mr. Kelleher in advance of the hearings indicated a housing situation in Alaska more serious than any the subcommittee has considered previously. Exorbitant rents are charged for substandard quarters. Large deposits are required by private owners before any consideration will be given to leasing a house to one of our service people. And perhaps most illustrative of the extreme situation there is indicated by the fact that the Red Cross at Ladd Air Force Base made 769 loans during 1957 totaling over $123,000 of which 700 were made to provide assistance to military personnel in defraying expenses for rentals or initial occupancy off base.

The following Capehart housing projects were approved:

Army: Fort Hood, Texas, 500 units.

Navy: 1,471 units of Capehart housing at 7 Navy installations (Coos Head, Oreg.; Nantucket, Mass.; Lemoore, Calif.; Whidbey Island, Wash.; Centerville, Calif.; Pacific Beach, Wash.; Point Sur, Calif.).

Air Force: 1 180 units of Capehart housing at 6 Air Force stations and airbases (Topsham, Maine; Presque Isle, Maine; Fort Custer, Mich.; Lake Charles, La.; Larson, Wash.; Mather, Calif.).

The subcommittee also authorized the acquisition of 3 Wherry housing projects in Hawaii (2 at the Naval Base, Pearl Harbor; and 1 at the Naval Air Station, Barbers Point) together with a Wherry project at Camp Lejeune and a Wherry project and the land underlying it at Cherry Point, N. C.

The only other housing involved in the hearings and recommended for approval are 736 units of surplus commodity housing in Spain.

The following projects are real-estate projects:

Air Force

The subcommittee considered four Air Force acquisition projects (Nos. 419, 420, 421, and 422) involving the following Air Force bases: Clinton, Ohio; Dover, Del.; Offutt, Nebr.; and Bergstrom, Tex. Three of these projects involve the acquisition of land required in connection with SAC dispersal. The one at Bergstrom involves land needed for safety purposes. The acreages and costs are conventional.

Army

The subcommittee also recommends approval of four Army acquisition projects involving land needed for Nike-Hercules sites to defend the following cities: St. Louis, Mo.; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Kansas City, Mo. The other Army projects recommended for approval are as follows:

(*a*) Acquisition No. 292, acquisition of a structure in Abilene, Tex.

(*b*) Acquisition No. 300, the continued leasing of office space at several locations (excepted from the approval of this project are the leases designated as 300d and that portion of 300c involving 62,359 square feet for the Chicago Ordnance District).

(*c*) Acquisition No. 301, the renewal of 6 out of 7 leases (the unapproved lease involves 8,000 square feet in Atlanta, Ga.).

(*d*) Acquisition No. 293, the transfer of 17 acres constituting Fort Heath, Mass., from the Navy to the Army.

(*e*) Disposal 104, the transfer of 14 acres at Fort Rosecrans, Calif., from the Army to the Coast Guard.

(*f*) Disposal 106, the disposal to GSA of the Rockford Ordnance Plant, Illinois.

The last two projects considered by the subcommittee and recommended for approval are Navy disposal No. 142 which will authorize the disposal by the General Services Administration of the Naval Supply Depot in Spokane, Wash.; Navy acquisition No. 252 which involves the acquisition of 230 acres at a cost of $835,000 at the Naval Industrial Reserve Aircraft Plant, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Chairman, I recommend favorable consideration of the foregoing projects.

(Whereupon, at 12:04 p. m., the committee adjourned.)

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